REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information and the title headings. The Abstract has been added to conform to corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/FR2003/002532.

Claims 1-10 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, and to otherwise conform with conventional U.S. format. No new matter has been introduced.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the specification, that Abstract, and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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